MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from Government whether the Government are aware that Attingal is a Municipal town and that there is thick population there?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I have no information as to the thickness of the population.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from Government whether the Government are aware that at least for maternity cases a dispensary has to be started and a Lady Medical Officer appointed at Attingal?

MR. JAMES SIMPSOM (*Darbar Physician*): I do not know whether the needs of Attingal are anything more than the needs met by the grant-in-aid hospital there.

MR M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether there is a hospital in or near about Attingal?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Yes, there is a hospital at Attingal.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: Well, the question time has expired now. I have to inform the House that I have received a bunch of motions for adjournment of the House. It would be convenient if I should, in the first place, deal with one motion in particular, which, you will see for the reasons that I am going to mention will be rejected as out of order. The one that I am now referring to is:

> "I wish to ask for leave to move for an adjournment of the business of the House to consider a specific matter of urgent public importance; the situation that has arisen in the country owing to the widespread feeling that the Cochin Harbour agreement of 1925 is to be varied to the detriment of Travancore interests."

Well, I shall not enter into the variety of reasons for which, perhaps, I must rule that the motion is rejected. At present, I will only point out to the House that these negotiations at the present moment are in a very delicate stage and it is not in the public interests to allow any discussion on the floor of the House. For that reason, I rule that motion out of order.

Then, there are, I think, six motions, more or less of the same nature. They all deal with the present economic situation of the country, more particularly in view of the failure of the crops.

The first motion is by Mr. Changanachery K. Parameswaran Pillai which runs as follows:—

> "I have applied to the President for permission to move for an adjournment of the House to-day to discuss a matter of urgent public importance *viz.*, the situation caused by the failure of the paddy crops in 1110 owing to the failure of the last two monsoons. The Makaram crop has been destroyed by drought and the paddy plants in *Punja* fields have been destroyed by worms. It is therefore necessary that the land tax on paddy lands should be remitted for the year's

There is another motion by Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan:

> "I wish to ask for leave for an adjournment of the business of the House to consider a specific matter of urgent public importance *i. e.*,

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the serious situation that has arisen in the country owing to the heavy loss sustained by the paddy cultivation in the State due to the drought that was prevailing in this country".

The next is by Mr. N. E. Varughese :

"I beg leave to move that the business of the Assembly be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, to wit, the great loss and sufferings caused to the agriculturists throughout the State by the recent unprecedented drought and by the visitation of paddy pests in *Punja* cultivation".

Mr. R. Sambasiva Aiyar's motion is :

"I wish to ask for leave to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely the situation created in the country by the failure of paddy crops in the present season on account of the terrible drought".

The next one is by Mr. A. Thanu Pillai :

"I wish to move that the business of the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the hardship caused to the people by the failure of paddy crops in the present season.

The Makaram crops have almost completely failed in many parts of the State. At this time of economic depression, this failure of crops has considerably increased the sufferings of the ryots. In these circumstances, it is impossible for them to pay the land tax. They stand in need of relief in other directions as well. Unless the question is tackled early enough, terrible famine conditions are likely to arise".

The last one by Mr. K. R. Elenkath reads :

"I move that the business of the House be now adjourned to discuss the grave situation created by the unprecedented failure of crops at the last harvest season".

These are the adjournment motions that have been put into my hands. I will now ask whether the House will give leave to these gentlemen to move.

No objection being raised, the motion is, by leave of the House granted. I think as a matter of convenience, to facilitate this discussion, it would be well if those gentlemen whose names I have read out already and who are responsible for these numerous motions will arrange amongst themselves as to who the mover of the motion should be so as to facilitate the discussion and the other gentlemen who have given notice will perhaps contribute to the mover any information which they could give.

The next question I have to consider is when it will be taken up. Perhaps, this afternoon will be rather inconvenient in that the Government member perhaps will have to contribute usefully to this discussion and furnish some information which the Government may require and which will be of considerable importance in regard to the discussion. He may not be quite ready with the information now. It will therefore be fair, I think, if we could take up the discussion tomorrow at 3·30 P. M.

Two other motions have been put into my hands. The one by Mr. S. J. Nair is :—

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"I beg leave to move the adjournment of the business of the Assembly to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the urgent need and necessity of postponing the collection of land tax, including water cess through coercive process, in view of the prevailing economic depression, drought and impending famine in the State".

The other is by Mr. M. Sivatanu Pillai :

"The condition of the ryots of Nanjinad on account of the prevailing unusual drought and of the disappointment at the Kodayar Reservoir to supply water for irrigation purposes".

In the light of the fact that I have already admitted motions which are comprehensive enough and which cover the whole ground, it is unnecessary to admit these motions of a restricted nature. Therefore these two motions will be ruled out as being unnecessary.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

PRESIDENT: Under Rule 3 (2) of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I have nominated Rao Sahib S. Parameswara Aiyar and Mr. Pacode A. Narayana Pillai as the Panel of Chairmen for the Fourth Session.

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